H E R O E S, O L D A N D N E W.

1. Memorial Day Exercises, as they use to be and as the recent one was.

2. The funeral of the 17 soldiers killed at Vera Cruz.

a. At New York. Stores requested to close, they did not.
b. A lack of interest in the whole thing.
"It is too bad they had to die for so poor a cause."
c. The President's message fell flat.
"This ought to hold us back from wasting any more such lives in Mexico."

Are the days of heroism past? Have we ceased to be hero-worshippers?

I. We will always praise heroes;

1. But more discriminately.
All are not heroes who fight or who give up their lives
2. And more inclusively. There are heroes of peace. (life.
Those who give up their lives to save life, not to take
a. The last report of the Carneige Hero Fund.
Men and boys who showed their heroism in field and factory, in mill and mine, on the railroad, in the street, on the high sea.
b. Missionaries, doctors, scientists, inventors.
c. Men of endurance in temptation, in business, in politics.
d. Women of great courage and fortitude.
Female cat, etc. The brave mothers.

II. Out truer perspective of the heroes of the Past.

1. Not demigods, haloed in sanctity, but fellow-mortals who lived in the commonplaces of life just as we do.

2. The historical perspective gives to their heroism a fresh significance.
   a. Abraham offering up Isaac.
   b. The prophets as forth-tellers.
   c. George Washington the land-owner who held slaves.
   d. Jesus Christ subject to his times and conditions.

III. Our worship of heroes indicates that we have the heroic within ourselves.

1. They arose above their commonplace to heights sublime.
2. From dust to brain-matter that thinks.
3. So we too car lift ourselves up out of the commonplace into the heroic.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Foot-prints on the sands of time."